

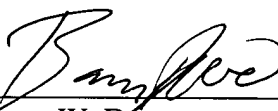
REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were filed in the original application. Pursuant to Examiner's restriction requirement in the parent case, claims 42-45 were prosecuted and have been passed to issuance. Hence, claims 42-45 have been canceled herein. Therefore, claims 1-41 are now pending in the present application.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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